

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Georgia
COUNTY:	Early
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ENTRY DATE	MAY 13 1976

1. NAME

COMMON:
* * Coheelee Creek Covered Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Two miles north of Hilton, Georgia, on Old River Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Hilton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
2d - Dawson Mathis

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Early CODE: 099

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied In <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied use <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Early County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House, Court Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Blakely

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Early County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House, Court Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Blakely

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County

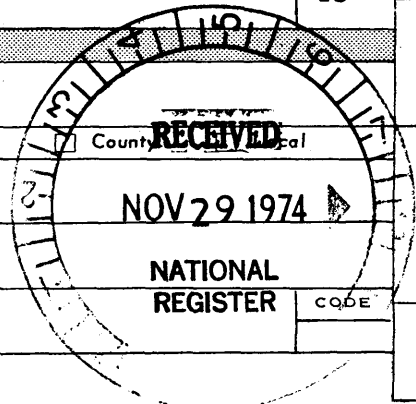
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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COUNTY: Early

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Coheelee Creek Covered Bridge spans Coheelee Creek in Early County, Georgia, about two miles north of Hilton on Old River Road, an unpaved dirt road. The bridge is completely covered and extends 140 feet in length with two spans including approaches. The bridge is 14 feet wide and 15 feet high from the deck to the roof at the center of the bridge. The bridge rests on three concrete piers and two abutments. The two spans are of a modified Kingpost type in that the apex of the triangle is surmounted by 6" x 12" timbers from which the compression timbers of like size slant downward and outward and two iron rods one and a half inches in diameter slant downward and inward. Each span is 54 feet long, hence the need for the center pier. All wood is rough sawn heart pine. The bottom timbers supporting the deck are 8" x 12" in size. The deck is covered by 3" x 6" planks laid cross-wise and longitudinal runners of the same material are laid on top to provide a smooth roadway for traffic. The sides are covered with vertical pine boards extending the full height of the bridge. The portals are of the plain barn type and do not provide any overhang. There is a concrete abutment on each side of Coheelee Creek and the bridge extends some 16 feet on each end from the pier to the abutment. These abutments of concrete were poured in 1958 in order to reinforce the approaches and entrance to the bridge. This work did not alter the appearance of the bridge. The roof is of corrugated metal and is in fair condition. The bridge is in good condition structurally but needs some repairs to the siding.

In April 1971, the upper part of the bridge was damaged by a produce truck whose height was too great to clear the bridge. Repairs were made soon after and the bridge continues in daily use.

The Coheelee Creek Covered Bridge is listed as No. 10-49-02 in the "World Guide to Covered Bridges," published by the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., 1965 edition.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1883**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

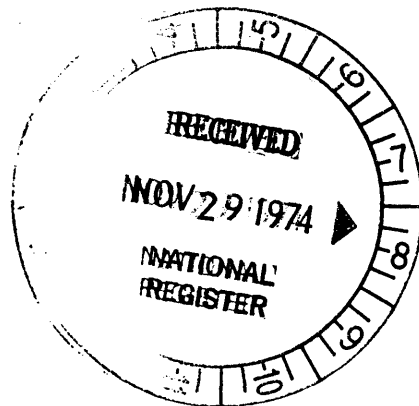
The ~~Cohealee~~ Coheele Creek Covered Bridge was constructed in 1883 by J. W. Baughman under orders of the Early County Board of Commissioners. On September 3, 1957, the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue of Early County made the Peter Early Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, custodians of the bridge and they have carried out a program of protection for this bridge.

In 1958, the Georgia Historical Commission erected a marker for this bridge on Georgia Highway No. 62 at the intersection with the Old River Road. (Marker Number 049-8)

The Coheele Creek Covered Bridge is one of 22 covered bridges remaining in Georgia and one of only 14 still in use. Four of Georgia's remaining covered bridges are built of the Kingpost design. The Kingpost truss is the oldest and simplest truss and is usually found on spans of lesser length. In the case of the Coheele Creek Covered Bridge, the truss has been modified with additional reinforcing timbers and iron rods in order to make the spans of 54 feet.

The Coheele Creek Covered Bridge has the distinction of being the southernmost covered bridge on a public highway in the United States.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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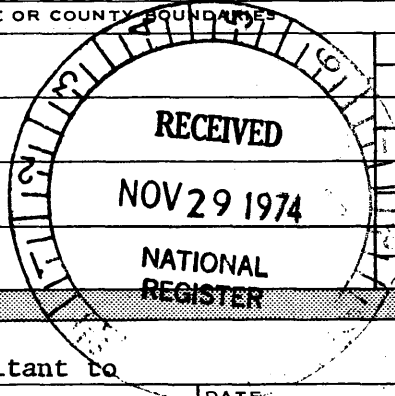
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' 0 "	0 ' 0 "		31 ° 18 ' 25 "	85 ° 04 ' 40 "	
NE	0 ' 0 "	0 ' 0 "				
SE	0 ' 0 "	0 ' 0 "				
SW	0 ' 0 "	0 ' 0 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: James G. Bogle, Colonel, U. S. Army Ret., consultant to
 ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Section, Department of
Natural Resources, State of Georgia DATE: Oct. 30, 1974
 STREET AND NUMBER: 270 Washington Street, S. W.
 CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is: Active

National State Local

Name: [Signature]

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 11-11-74

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/13/76

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5.12.76